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**SUE PERKINS RETURNS TO HOST THE VIRGIN TV BRITISH ACADEMY
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**Ceremony to take place on Sunday 13 May 2018 at the Royal Festival Hall and
will be broadcast on BBC One**

**Nominations for the Virgin TV British Academy Television Awards to be
announced at 07.30 on 4 April 2018**

London, Monday 26 March 2018: The British Academy of Film and Television Arts has announced today that Sue Perkins will return to host the Virgin TV British Academy Television Awards in 2018.

The awards champion excellence by recognising and celebrating the very best in British television programmes, performances and behind-the-scenes talent from 2017. The full nominations for this year's awards will be announced live on Tuesday 4 April at 07.30.

Sue Perkins said: "I had an absolute blast hosting last year's awards and I am genuinely thrilled to be invited back. It's a real pleasure to be the master of ceremonies once more, as we celebrate the very best in British television."

Clare Brown, Director of Production at BAFTA, said: "Sue hosted the awards for the first time last year and her natural warmth and humour lit up both the room and our screens. She is a wonderfully talented presenter, comedy writer and performer, and we are absolutely delighted to welcome her back to host the ceremony again in 2018."

Kate Phillips, Controller, Entertainment Commissioning for the BBC said: "We are so pleased that Sue is returning to host the Virgin TV British Academy Television Awards for a second year running. She is much-loved by our BBC viewers and I'm sure that she will once again provide us with a wonderfully entertaining evening."

This year's Virgin TV British Academy Television Awards will be held at the Royal Festival Hall on Sunday 13 May and will be broadcast on BBC One.

Presenter, writer and comedian Sue Perkins will also be co-hosting two special episodes of *The Generation Game* on BBC One this Easter, alongside her longstanding comedy partner Mel Giedroyc. The duo are three-time BAFTA winners for their work on *The Great British Bake Off* from 2010 to 2016.

Perkins is also an established documentary presenter, with her most recent credits including: *Sue Perkins and the Chimp Sanctuary* (BBC One, 2018) and *The Ganges with Sue Perkins* (BBC One, 2017).

In 2017, Perkins also hosted Sky One's family game show *The Big Spell*, Sky Atlantic's *Game of Thrones* fan-show, *Thronecast* and chairs the BBC Two panel show, *Insert Name Here*.

In 2016, Perkins also toured the UK with her stand up show *Spectacles*, based on her Sunday Times bestselling memoir.

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The British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) is a world-leading independent arts charity that brings the very best work in film, games and television to public attention and supports the growth of creative talent in the UK and internationally. Through its Awards ceremonies and year-round programme of learning events and initiatives – which includes workshops, masterclasses, scholarships, lectures and mentoring schemes in the UK, USA and Asia – BAFTA identifies and celebrates excellence, discovers, inspires and nurtures new talent, and enables learning and creative collaboration. For advice and inspiration from the best creative minds in working in film, games and television, visit www.bafta.org/guru. For more, visit www.bafta.org.

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